

Annex of the Country Development Cooperation Policy (or the Country Assistance Policy)

**Development Plan for the Cook Islands**

Basic Policy of Assistance	To strengthen the foundation for self-reliant and sustainable development and improvements in living standards
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Priority Area 1	Strengthening Foundations for Sustainable Development													
Development Issue 1-1 Improving Social Services	[Background and current situation] In the Cook Islands, improvement of health care and public health, including prevention of new COVID-19 infections, is a major issue in the post-pandemic era. In addition, improvement of science and mathematics education in primary and secondary education is a regional challenge. Improvement of these social services, especially for the residents of remote islands, is a situation that needs to be addressed. Promotion of healthy living, provision of lifelong educational opportunities, and promotion of gender equality are among the priority areas of the Cook Islands National Sustainable Development Plan (CINSDP) 2020+.					[Strategy] Through the acceptance of long-term and short-term trainees, and Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects, improvements will be made to the healthcare system (including remote islands), and to the learning environment, with particular focus on primary and secondary education. As a countermeasure against COVID-19, the health and medical system will be improved through the Economic and Social Development Programme.								
	Japan's Assistance Program	Program Summary	Project	Scheme	JFY before 2021	JFY 2022	JFY 2023	JFY 2024	JFY 2025	Assistance Amount (100 million Yen)	SDGs	Note		
	Social Services Improvement Program	[Strategy] Through the acceptance of long-term and short-term trainees, and Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects, improvements will be made to the healthcare system (including remote islands), and to the learning environment, with particular focus on primary and secondary education. As a countermeasure against COVID-19, the health and medical system will be improved through the Economic and Social Development Programme.	Group and Region- Focused training in the area of improving social services	TR								3,4,6		
			SDGs Global Leader	CTR									3,4,6	
			The Project for Pacific Co-learning towards a Resilient Health System	TCP										Cumulative amount due to multi-country projects
			Grant assistance in the field of health and medical care (Economic and Social Development Programme)	GA							1.50	3		FY2020 Provision of healthcare and medical-related equipment
		Grant assistance in the field of health and medical care (Economic and Social Development Programme)	GA						1.00	3,6		FY2020 Provision of healthcare and water supply hygiene equipment		
Development Issue 1-2 Strengthening the Foundation for Economic Growth	[Background and current situation] In the Cook Islands, the main industries including tourism, agriculture, and fisheries are small in scale, and many people tend to migrate to other countries such as New Zealand in search of education and employment opportunities, making population decline a major problem. The government of the Cook Islands is working on population decline countermeasures by providing living subsidies to students returning from study abroad, and reforming the social security system for the elderly. In addition, almost all goods are imported and the price level is high compared to the national income. In the Cook Islands National Sustainable Development Plan (CINSDP) 2020+, emphasis is placed on strengthening the foundation for sustainable economic growth, with economic growth and infrastructure development for growth as one of the priority areas.					[Strategy] Develop human resources and infrastructure to strengthen the foundation for sustainable economic growth in relation to the promotion of core industries such as tourism, agriculture and fisheries.								
	Japan's Assistance Program	Program Summary	Project	Scheme	JFY before 2021	JFY 2022	JFY 2023	JFY 2024	JFY 2025	Assistance Amount (100 million Yen)	SDGs	Note		
	Industrial Promotion Program	To develop human resources to support the foundation for sustainable economic growth by accepting long-term and short-term trainees and enhance industrial promotion through Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects.	Group and Region- Focused training in the field of industrial development	TR								8,9		
Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects in the field of Industrial Promotion			GGP							0.19	8,9		FY2021 Mangaia Island Forestry Project, Rarotonga Agricultural Equipment	

Priority Area 2	Climate Change, Environment, and Disaster Prevention													
Development Issue 2 – 1  Climate Change Measures, Environmental Conservation and Disaster Prevention	[Background and current situation] The Cook Islands are susceptible to climate change and are exposed to natural disasters such as cyclones, so appropriate climate change and disaster prevention measures are necessary. In addition, the country is vulnerable to environmental changes due to the increase in tourism, and addressing this issue is a challenge for the country. In the Cook Islands National Sustainable Development Plan (CINSDP) 2020+, addressing climate change is one of the priority areas, and the importance of disaster resilient infrastructure, community development, and cyclone management has been indicated.					[Strategy] Support capacity building on climate change, environment, and disaster prevention through technical cooperation with experts, short-term and long-term trainees and training in third countries, and grassroots and human security grant aid.								
	Japan's Assistance Program	Program Summary	Project	Scheme	JFY 2021	JFY 2022	JFY 2023	JFY 2024	JFY 2025	Assistance Amount (100 million Yen)	SDGs	Note		
	Climate Change and Environment, Disaster Prevention Programs	Support capacity-building on climate change and environment, and disaster prevention through broad-based technical professionals and individual experts, short-term and long-term trainees and technical cooperation for training in third countries, and Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects.	Group and Region- Focused training in the field of climate change measures, environmental conservation and disaster prevention	TR	■	■	-	-	-	-	-	11,13		
			The Project for Introduction of Hybrid Power Generation System in Pacific Island Countries (Regional)	TCP	■	■	■	-	-	-	13.52	13	Cumulative amount due to multi-country projects	
			Third Country Training - Sustained Activity of FMS for Developing Capacities for Meteorological Services in the South Pacific	TTR	■	■	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,13	Regional (based in Fiji)
			JICA DRR National/Regional Advisor	EXP	■	■	■	■	■	-	-	-	11,13	Regional (based in Fiji)
			The Project for Capacity Building on Climate Resilience in the Pacific	TCP	■	■	-	-	-	-	-	2.05	13	Cumulative amount due to multi-country projects
			The Project for Innovative Solutions for Pacific Climate Change Resilience	TCP	-	-	■	■	■	■	■	-	13	Regional (based in Samoa)
Grant assistance in the field of health and medical care (Economic and Social Development Programme)			GA	■	■	-	-	-	-	-	2.00	13	FY2018 Disaster prevention equipment	
Priority Area 3	Maritime Security and Marine Resource Management, Development of Marine Transportation Network													
Development Issue 3 – 1  Maritime Security, Marine Resources Management, Marine Transportation and Maintenance of Marine Transportation Network	[Background and current situation] The Cook Islands and other Pacific island countries do not necessarily have sufficient human resources or budget to properly manage vast areas of ocean on their own. In the Cook Islands National Sustainable Development Plan (CINSDP) 2020+, sustainable management of oceans, atolls and marine resources is one of the priority areas. In addition, the development of maritime transport networks between remote islands is an important issue for the Cook Islands, as it directly affects the maintenance of lifelines and human security.					[Strategy] Strengthen response capabilities in the areas of maritime security, marine resource management, and maritime transport network development through the acceptance of long-term and short-term trainees, broad-based individual experts, and Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects.								
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	Maritime security, Management of Marine Resources, and Marine Transportation Network Development Program	Strengthen response capabilities in the areas of maritime security, marine resource management, and maritime transport network development through the acceptance of long-term and short-term trainees, regional individual experts, and Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects.	Subject-specific training in the fields of coast guard, marine resource management, and marine transportation network development	TR	■	■	-	-	-	-	-	14		
			Project on Pacific Islands Capacity Enhancement for AchievingSDG 14	TCP	■	■	■	■	-	-	2.16	14	Cumulative amount due to multi-country projects	
			Regional Advisor for Port Operation & Maintenance and Policy in PICs (Regional)	EXP	■	■	■	■	■	-	-	-	9	Regional (based in Fiji)
Advisor for Vessel Operation and Maintenance (Regional)			EXP	■	■	■	-	-	-	-	-	9	Regional (based in Fiji)	

Legend: [PS] = Preparatory Survey, [DD] = Detailed Design, [TCP] = Technical Cooperation Project, [TCPD] = Technical Cooperation for Development Planning, [EXP] = Expert, [EQ] = Equipment, [CTR] = Country-focused Training, [TR] = Issue-based Training / Training Program for Young Leaders, [JOCV] = Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, [TEXP] = Third-country Expert, [TTR] = Third-country Training, [ICT] = In-Country Training, [STC] = Science and Technology Cooperation on Global Issues, [JPP] = JICA Partnership Program, [xx-TA] = Technical Assistance implemented by organizations other than MOFA and JICA, [PCP-TC] = Private Companies Proposed-Technical Cooperation, [GA] = Grant Aid, [GAF]=Grant Aid for Fishery, [FA]=Food Aid, [CGA]=Cultural Grant Assistance, [GGP]=Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects, [EGA]=Emergency Grant Aid, [GANP]=Grant Aid for Japanese NGOs Projects, [GGP]=Grant Aid for Grassroots Human Security Projects, [LA] = Loan Aid (ODA Loan), [BIS] = Basic Information Survey, [ML] = Multilateral Cooperation, [SME PPS]=Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise (SME) Partnership Promotion Survey, [SDGs BMFS]=SDGs Business Model Formulation Survey with the Private Sector, [SDGs BVS]=SDGs Business Verification Survey with the Private Sector, Solid Line [—] = Schedule, Dash Line [- - - -] = Tentative Schedule

[SDGs Goals Targets]: 1[No Poverty], 2[Zero Hunger], 3[Good Health and Well-Being], 4[Quality Education], 5[Gender Equality], 6[Clean Water and Sanitation], 7[Affordable and Clean Energy], 8[Decent Work and Economic Growth], 9[Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure], 10[Reduced Inequalities],

11[Sustainable Cities and Communities], 12[Responsible Consumption and Production], 13[Climate Action], 14[Life Below Water], 15[Life on Land], 16[Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions], 17[Partnerships for the Goals]

[Outline of SDGs]: [https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/gaiko/oda/sdgs/pdf/SDGs\\_pamphlet.pdf](https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/gaiko/oda/sdgs/pdf/SDGs_pamphlet.pdf)